

does. We also recognize the user of the service should stand a reasonable share of the cost. The cost for the center to be operational self-supporting, we think, is going to be made in about 5 years. Initial operation costs must be provided by the state of Nebraska. Operational funds should come from the general fund and construction costs could come from state revenue sharing. Kearney State College has provided 20 acres of land for the purpose of developing a defensive driving range and the third floor of the former TB hospital, now west campus for laboratory and classroom space. This program can be developed for a much less cost at Kearney than at anyplace in the state of Nebraska. In addition, we have an administration that is aware of the needs and is sympathetic to the cause. Remember Kearney State has the experience and offers more courses in safety programs than any other college in Nebraska. We have a faculty that is enthusiastically looking forward to providing safety opportunities, not just for Omaha, not for Lincoln, not for Kearney, but for the whole state of Nebraska. This central location is ideal for reaching out to serve these needs. Here's a very important part, fellow senators, costs cannot be determined in human suffering, but it can be evaluated in dollars. Each accidental death costs \$240,000. Each accidental injury costs \$7,000 and every property damage accident costs \$300. Again these are statistics from the National Safety Council. Now listen to this carefully. I have decided to make, I think, a drastic change in this bill. An amendment will be offered at the proper time because this Legislature, I believe, is really serious about holding...

PRESIDENT: You have one minute, Senator.

SENATOR COPE: on holding spending. I am requesting that Section 2 of the A bill be deleted. This is the amount allotted for construction of a driving range. The \$54,000 in Section 1 and the designation that the state safety center will be located in Kearney will allow the program to continue and expand. We can use the old airstrip at the airfield for a temporary driving range. It isn't good enough. It's too far from the college but it will suffice for a year. Because of the designation of a state safety center in Kearney, then we will have the opportunity to work on federal and private funds for the construction. I can assure you that its sufficient funds for...

PRESIDENT: You're time is up, Senator.

SENATOR COPE: Alright, I'd like to continue this afternoon with amendments. May I continue the first thing with some amendments that we have?

PRESIDENT: No, you had 10 minutes, Senator. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Question of Senator Cope. Senator Cope, it's my understanding that the main purpose of the education center is to teach the teacher. Is that correct?

SENATOR COPE: No, it is not correct. This is for instruction and in training teachers, but it is also for training as I said any part of safety in Nebraska. That is traffic, occupational, recreational, all the phases of safety education.